

an angled forward facet 424 directed toward leading end 402 of implant 100 and a rearward portion 426 directed toward trailing end 404 of implant 100. Forward facet 424 has a length greater than the length of rearward portion 426. Rearward portion 426 has a slope that is steeper than the slope of forward facet 424. In this embodiment, the base of rearward portion 426 forms an angle of approximately 90 degrees or less with respect to upper and/or lower surfaces 406, 408 of implant 100. Rearward portion 426 can be a portion of surface projection 422, such as a facet, an edge, or a line for example. Each one of surface projections 422 has a left side forward facet 450, a right side forward facet 452, a left side rearward facet 454, and a right side rearward facet 456 directed toward the front and sides, and directed toward the rear and sides of implant 100, respectively, and forward facet 424 and rearward portion 426.--

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--Surface configuration 420 can further include a second plurality of surface projections 460 having at least a left forward side facet 462 and a right forward side facet 464 directed at least in part toward leading end 402 and sides of implant 100, respectively, and at least one rearward facet 466 directed at least in part toward trailing end 400. In this embodiment, rearward facet 466 is approximately perpendicular to at least one of upper and lower surfaces 406, 408 of implant 100. Rearward facet 466 may also be at an angle that is greater than or less than 90 degrees to at least one of upper and lower surfaces 406, 408 of implant 100. Left and right forward side facets 462, 464 have at least a first portion in a plane at an angle to the longitudinal axis of implant 100. Second surface projections 460 can be interspersed with surface projections 422.--

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